



Board Members Present

Joshua Owens (Chair)
Jill Robinson Kramer (Vice-Chair)
Gretchen Gutman
Mark GiaQuinta

Board Member Participating Electronically

Janet Rummel
Virginia Calvin

Board Members Absent

DeLyn Beard

Staff

James Betley
Bridgett Abston
Nicky Hornyak
Ryan Preston

**December 11, 2018
143 West Market Street
Suite 400
Indianapolis, IN 46204**

**1:00 p.m. ET
Special Board Meeting**

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Agenda

I. Call to Order/ Board Meeting Minutes Approval

- a. Chair Josh Owens called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. ET.
- b. Approval of Board Minutes (11/14/2018)
 - i. Board Member Gretchen Gutman moved to approve the minutes from the November 14 meeting. Board Member Virginia Calvin seconded, and the motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.
- c. Board Members Virginia Calvin and Janet Rummel participated in the meeting via conference phone.

II. Board Business

- a. Excel Center – Bloomington Activation Request
 - i. Executive Director, James Betley, gave an overview of Excel Center's request to activate a charter for a Bloomington campus. He detailed the history of the Excel Center, and the organization's past performance in opening new locations. He informed the board the staff's recommendation is to approve the charter activation request, conditional on funding availability from the Indiana legislature.
 - ii. Betsy Delgado, Vice President of Goodwill Education and Mission, spoke to the board about enrollment and progress among the other campuses currently open. She updated the board on community partnerships and graduation statistics in Monroe County.
 - iii. Chair Owens opened the floor to questions from the board regarding the activation request. Dr. Calvin questioned Mr. Betley about listing items of success and sharing performance with the state. Ms. Delgado answered, stating they are currently compiling a report with data from the Excel centers and will share with the board once that is complete.
 - iv. Chair Owens clarified that the current motion is to approve the staff's recommendation conditional on available funding approved by the legislature in the next budget cycle.
 - v. Member GiaQuinta motioned to approve the staff recommendation, and Ms. Gutman seconded. The motion passed by a voice vote with Chair Owens, and members Rummel, GiaQuinta, Gutman and Calvin voting yea. Vice-Chair Kramer abstained.
- b. Thurgood Marshall Leadership Academy
 - i. Executive Director, James Betley, gave an overview of TMLA's request to move to self-management, instead of their current structure with their EMO. He gave background of the history between the EMO and TMLA. He presented the staff's recommendation to revoke their charter at the end of the 2018-19 school year.
 - ii. Chair Owens opened the floor to questions from the board regarding the activation request. Member GiaQuinta gave a history of how the original school was chartered. He detailed the FWCS that students could have attended in the area, and recommended to support the FWCS that could better help the students. He stated that TMLA is not needed in the FWCS district.
 - iii. Member GiaQuinta motioned to close the school at the end of the 2018 calendar year. No members seconded, so the motion was not moved.

- iv. Chair Owens clarified that the motion on the table is the original motion, which is granting staff authority to begin the process of revoking Thurgood Marshall Leadership Academy's charter effective at the end of the 2018-2019 school year. Member Calvin moved to accept the motion, with Member Gutman seconding. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

III. Staff Updates

- a. Renewal and Spring Meeting Dates
 - i. Staff gave proposed dates for the renewal and spring board meetings. The renewal meeting dates tentatively proposed were March 12 and 13. The spring cycle meeting dates tentatively proposed were May 14 or May 15.

IV. Closing Remarks

- a. Chair Owens thanked the staff and board for their continued work on applications and processes.

V. Adjourn

- a. Chair Owens opened the floor for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Gutman motioned and Rummel seconded. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously, ending the meeting at 2:37 pm ET.